



McHenry County Workforce Investment Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 7:30 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

- WIB Chairman Dave Niehus presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30AM.
- Kerrie Johnson took the roll call, and a membership quorum was present.

1.2 Member Updates

- None

2. Public Comments – Dave Niehus

- None

3. County Recovery Plan Presentation – Scott Hartman

- Scott thanked everyone that participated in the County Recovery Plan taskforce. The purpose of the plan is to help us so we are better equipped to handle a pandemic in the future and make us more resilient. Scott asked everyone to go through the plan and make sure that we got the main challenges.
 - Jim McConoughey stated that one population not addressed is the 18 year old high school grads. They are just kind of waiting. They should also be addressed. How do we address it? Another group is college students that are “just going to wait it out”. They will have an impact on entry level jobs. One thing to do is to identify the group, Jeff and Catherine to pull info.
 - Are we behind in college enrollments? Catherine stated that we are tracking just below last year’s numbers at the same time.
 - Very hard for employers until we know what is happening with schools.
 - Please take another look at the plan and send any comments / suggestions into Jeff.

4. Training Program Presentation

- McHenry County College has implemented “Student Navigators” who are available to help with anything. Course work is being done online with classes that are more hands on are being set up to do in-person with safety measures and precautions in place.
- First Institute is doing things similar to McHenry County College. Prior to Covid-19 they did not have any sort of online classes being offered. Now they are doing as much as they can remotely.
- Eagle Training is practicing social distancing. They have a remote classroom and are limiting 10 students per class. There has been a sizable shift in people applying for CDL training.

5. Consent Agenda (VOTE) – Dave Niehus

- Dave asked if there were any changes and or comments to the consent agenda. There were none.
 - Motion to approve made by Sandra Pierce
 - 2nd by Mary Donner
 - All in favor (Roll Call Vote Conducted)
 - **Motion Approved**

6. Local and Regional Plan Modifications (VOTE) – Jeffery Poynter

- Jeff explained that DCEO reviewed our Local and Regional plans that were submitted and we were required to make some minor changes. For the Regional Plan, three changes were

required. All of the changes were just clarification on items included in the plan. For the Local Plan, 2 changes were requested. Both of the changes were revisions to statements and the correct language was provided by DCEO. Both of the revised plans (redlined) along with the letter stating the required changes were sent out prior to the meeting for review.

- Motion to approve made by Jim McConoughey
- 2nd by Sandra Pierce
- All in favor (Roll Call Vote Conducted)
- **Motion Approved**

7. Training Program Recertification (VOTE) – Jeffery Poynter

- Jeff explained that the POPS committee met to review the yearly recertification of the current training providers. None of the training providers are introducing any new programs at this time. And the pricing is staying the same for all programs with the exception of some minor price changes to some of McHenry County College's programs. The POPS committee is recommending that the board approve the all of the training providers as presented.

- Motion to approve made by Julie Courtney
- 2nd by Sandra Pierce
- All in favor (Roll Call Vote Conducted)
- **Motion Approved**
- Recused Catherine Jones, Julio Capeles

8. Procured Programs

- Jeff stated that we released 2 Request for Proposals. One for our Adult population for Career Services and the second for our Young Adult Program.
 - We received 2 responses to our Career Services RFP. The first from Bruce Bennett offering to host a monthly job club and the second from MCC which offered an a la carte menu of different career services for us to choose from. The executive committee chose to approve Bruce Bennett's proposal along with parts of MCC's. Bruce's program will begin in July and MCC will begin in August.
 - We received 3 responses to our Out of School Young Adult RFP. The first was from MCC and included a GED component along with other academic skills, the second was from First Institute that provided a lot of the current Youth Program activities and the third was from Parents Alliance Employment Project for Project Search which is a national program model for individuals with disabilities. The executive committee chose to procure the Project Search and MCC proposals.

9. Reopening Report – Jeffery Poynter / Julie Courtney

- Jeff and Julie explained that all staff have been back to work in the office as of June 1. We have opened the Resource Room to customers on July 6 by appointment only. All staff have been trained on proper sanitation and masks are required to be worn when in the resource room. It has been a slow start but is helping being open to the population that doesn't have adequate technology.

10. IWP Award Nominees – Julie Courtney

Julie stated that this year IWP will not be doing its state wide awards, but will instead be honoring a winner from each Local Workforce Area in each of the 3 categories! An email was sent out earlier this week with the nominees. We are asking the board to review the success stories and choose which one you think should be honored in each category. Once the winners have been chosen, we will be doing a video interview with the winners to submit to IWP. Julie reminded everyone that their choices are due into Kerrie by the end of business tomorrow.

11. Other Business – Dave Niehus

- Kerrie stated that Board recertifications are due and she will be sending out an email to the members who need to sign the appointment form.
- Jeff stated that at this time we will continue with zoom board meetings as long as everyone is ok with that.

12. Next Meeting: September 16, 2020; 7:30AM; Virtual Zoom Meeting

13. Meeting Adjourned 8:50am

Attendance	
Name	Representing / Agency
1. Kay Bates	McHenry County Board
2. Julio Capeles – Delgado	McHenry County College
3. Charlene Choklad	Northwestern
4. Julie Courtney	McHenry County Workforce Network
5. Mary Donner	Pace
6. Bill Eich	Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce
7. Catherine Jones for Dr. Clinton Gabbard	MCC
8. Jenny Herman	JA Frate
9. Bruce Laubinger	Atlantic Track
10. Jeffery Poynter for Bob Lueders	Radicom
11. Maria Martinez-McKinley	DRS
12. Jim McConoughey	MCEDC
13. Sandra Meza	DHS
14. Derik Morefield	City of McHenry
15. Dave Niehus	CRV Electronics
16. Olga Ortiz	Berry Global
17. Sandra Pierce	Phoenix Woodworking
18. Doug Potts	IDES
19. Meaghan Romer	MercyHealth
20. Josh Sajtar	IBEW Local 117
21. Others / Guests	
22. Jeffery Poynter	MCWNB
23. Kerrie Johnson	MCWNB
24. Scott Hartman	McHenry County
25. Dennis Sandquest	McHenry County
26. Doug Martin	City of McHenry
27. Mike Reynolds	First Institute
28. Chris Nedjl	MCWN
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